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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



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Questions? Comments?
Concerns? Contact me:
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559-451-7112.

I wet stamp everything.

Wet signatures tooin blue ink.

Always.

Working for a County, I regularly receive maps for review that have a facsimile of my stamp on them. I know the submitting surveyors aren't being malicious; they're generally trying to be helpful. My requests to remove the facsimile from their maps (and company computers) is usually met with surprise, sometimes with incredulousness, and one surveyor who wanted to argue with me claiming his map looked better with a CAD stamp.

This is how I control my stamp and how it gets used. This is how I verify who I am. With only one exception, everything I've stamped in my nearly 18 years of licensure have been wet stamped, and wet signed in blue. I don't bend on this.

I wish it was that easy with emails.

Two days ago (12 August 2024), I began receiving messages from many of you, from all over the State. Multiple emails, a couple of phone calls, and a text message to alert me that I may have been hacked. It's not a hack, per se, but it is a spoofing attack. Someone is claiming to be me.

Thankfully, they're not very good at it. Poor english skills and misspellings are giveaways. Another is being asked to "... bring happiness to some of our members ... with gift [sp] voucherss ...". That's not how this Association operates.

I'm thankful that so many of you can see through the scam, and that so many of you reached out to me and the Central Office to let us know. This is, unfortunately, a scam that happens to this Association often. It has happened to two other groups I associate with, to various degrees, but their modus operandi is always the same: pretend to be a Board member, reach out asking for help, and ask for an untraceable method of moving funds around to "help" someone.

Sometimes it's even the same request - down to the language used and misspellings - for the different organizations. Just another benefit to an organization having an online presence.

I have contacted many of you over the past few years. It's always been from the email address or phone number listed at the end of this message (both in blue), as it's been with every eNews message I've penned this year. It will continue to be so ...and I'll never ask you for a gift card. 😊

Many thanks To those of you who participated in the 2024 Annual Data Collection Survey. The Survey Committee met on August 13th and are working on a presentation of the data to the Association on a date yet to be determined.

It's time to start thinking about 2025 for your Chapter. When your Chapter meets this month, remember that the slate of 2025 Chapter Officers is to be submitted to the Central Office by the end of September. Thank you for your diligence with timely submittals to the Central Office.

As for the surveyor who wanted to argue about my stamp: Lets just say I still have a 100% wet-stamp rate... still, with only one exception.

If you, as a Chapter Officer, Director, or member, have questions about anything related to the Association, please contact the Executive Committee.

BPELSG NEWS

Official Notice and Agenda - August 2024

The Official Notice and Agenda for the August 22-23, 2024 meeting of the Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists is now available on the Board's website.

Please click on the following link to access the agenda.

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WHERE IN CALIFORNIA IS THIS?



The July “Where in CA is This?” was posted several months ago, along with the UAS aerial image, in LinkedIn by Aaron Chamberlin, PE, a Senior Transportation Engineer (Specialist) at Caltrans. “Caltrans Newest Real Time Network (CTSRN) station was constructed this week near Olancho, CA. Absolutely stunning country, complete with Joshua Trees, and a Roadrunner (no Coyote... 🙄) This one may have beat Gleason Beach for scenery. Multiple Air Force and Navy Jets were seen and heard (F-18, F-15, and F-35's) throughout the day overhead. The new alignment of US-395 can be seen in both directions from the site from the UAS photos.” The station supports “upgrading a 12-mile section of US 395 from 2-lane conventional highway to 4-lane expressway using a new alignment. The existing section of the road has high accident rates, so the project seeks to address safety first and foremost.” Thank you Caltrans for the photos.

Only two identification attempts at the location, and both were correct. Serial geo-locater Bill Tuck, PLS, was the first, remarking “I recognized that house as soon as I saw it. This is just up the road from the Crystal Geyser warehouses off HWY 395 near Olancho. This must be a new GPS station being as it doesn't show up on Google Street View. I tried to look this up but I didn't see anything for this on NGS or USGS. If you have a source for this I would be interested in looking it up. Anyways, see screenshot below (to the left).” John Canby, LSIT, also recognized the area: “This month's CLSA newsletter location photograph is on the east side of the Sierras along highway 395, just north of Olancho, looking SW to Olancho Peak. I hiked and rock climbed up that canyon in the late 1990s, and recognized the rocks as soon as I saw the photo. A slice of God's country!” These two have spent some time in the Sierras!

Try to identify the location of this month's photo, one of the most stunning we have published. Please tell me how you identified the location. Submit your answer or submit your photo of a special location in California to: [Rob McMillan](#)



SURVEYING IN THE NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO SACRAMENTO'S MORTON AND PITALO



The Sacramento Business Journal rated Morton and Pitalo as one of the Best Places to Work in 2024. I originally typed the story as “2024 Best Places to Work” but the year looked like a count, and rendered the honor less impressive.

Several Sacramento CLSA Chapter Alums are employed with the local firm. Honorees will be recognized at an October dinner.

Tickets are on sale now

Best Places to Work

Image by ACBJ copied from the Sacramento Business Journal website.

103rd NCEES ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN CHICAGO, IL



The 103rd Annual Meeting of the NCEES is being held in Chicago this week. Delegates are at the NCEES annual meeting are attending professional forums focused on technical topics and current issues related to engineering and surveying.

To kick off its 103rd annual meeting, NCEES hosted a ceremonial event for the signing of its mutual recognition agreement with the Engineering Council–UK. The agreement will provide a more direct path for licensed engineers to practice in each country without compromising

professional standards. California BPELSG Executive Officer Ric Moore, PLS is at front left in the group photo.

NCEES is committed to fostering the next generation of professional engineers and surveyors. This year, we awarded \$245,000 in scholarships to a diverse group of #engineering and #surveying students across the country in partnership with ACEC Research Institute.

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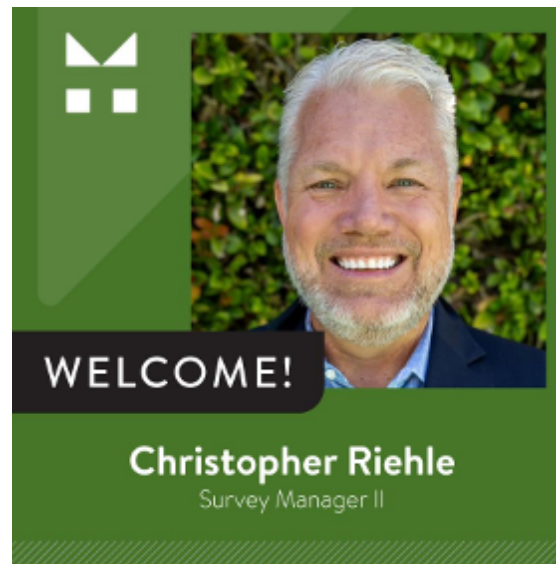
MIKE WALTERS IS LURED OUT OF RETIREMENT TO TEACH!



I am officially coming out of retirement as of today. I was offered, and have accepted, a position with Umpqua Community College teaching surveying for the fall program. I am excited to pass on my knowledge to the new generation of surveyors and to end my career back in the profession I truly love.

Mike retired about 4 months ago after 50 years in the profession. I am sure the students at Umpqua will gain much from his extensive knowledge. Thank you Mike for continuing to improve our profession!

CHRIS RIEHLE JOINS MARK THOMAS AS SURVEY MANAGER II



Please join us in welcoming Christopher Riehle, PLS to the Mark Thomas team as a Survey Manager! Chris has over 20 years of experience in the Southern California A/E/C industry, providing surveying services in both the private and public sectors, including over 5 years in progressively responsible leadership roles.

At Mark Thomas, Chris will leverage his experience and expertise to help lead our growing survey team and partner with our clients to deliver surveying projects across the State.

UN Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM)

The 14th session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) last week focused on collaborative and action-oriented approaches to strengthen geospatial capacity and leadership. Challenges posed by varying national and regional contexts were raised and the need for cross-sectoral partnerships was emphasized.

Some of our key take aways include:

- ◆ **Research and Education:** There was a call for increased collaboration between the networks and countries to bolster geospatial capabilities and support the implementation of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF).
- ◆ **Geospatial Capacity for Sustainable Development:** The need for enhanced geospatial information and products to support the SDGs was underscored, with many countries requiring additional support until 2030, and for the integration of geospatial information and technologies in the post-2030 agenda.
- ◆ **Disaster and Climate Resilience:** The session emphasized the importance of integrating geospatial information and Earth intelligence for climate resilience and disaster risk management.
- ◆ **DEI:** The importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion, particularly gender balance, was emphasized and welcomed throughout discussions about the composition of the secretariat, networks, centers, and other representatives.

The session also provided an exciting opportunity for our team to meet with several members of the SDGs Today Coalition of Experts (Dr. Mohammed Al-Sayel, Lóránt Czárán, and Aaron Addison) focusing on joint efforts and addressing the session's outcomes to advance these critical areas.!

IEVA CEFOLLA OBTAINS LSIT CERTIFICATE



I am thrilled to share that the California Board has approved my LSIT application. I could not have done this (or at least not this quickly) without the amazing mentors, strong leadership, wonderful teachers, and helpful

2024 CAL POLY POMONA GEOSPATIAL CONFERENCE DATE SET – TICKETS ARE ON SALE



The CPP Geospatial conference will be held September 12th, 2024. We are excited to announce that registration for the Geomatics Conference 2024 is now open! You can visit the conference website [Link](#) or see below to purchase tickets and reserve booths for the event.

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peers that have helped me on my journey. These have been a tough few years and I know there are many challenges that await...but Upwards and Onwards!

For inquiries or assistance regarding the registration process, please do not hesitate to contact us. Additionally, please stay tuned for Mailer 3, which will include our Preliminary Program. This will provide detailed information about the sessions, speakers, and events planned for the conference. We deeply appreciate your ongoing support for our program and eagerly anticipate your participation in the annual Geomatics Conference on Thursday, September 12th.

64th ANNUAL FRESNO STATE GEMOATICS ENGINEERING CONFERENCE DATES SET

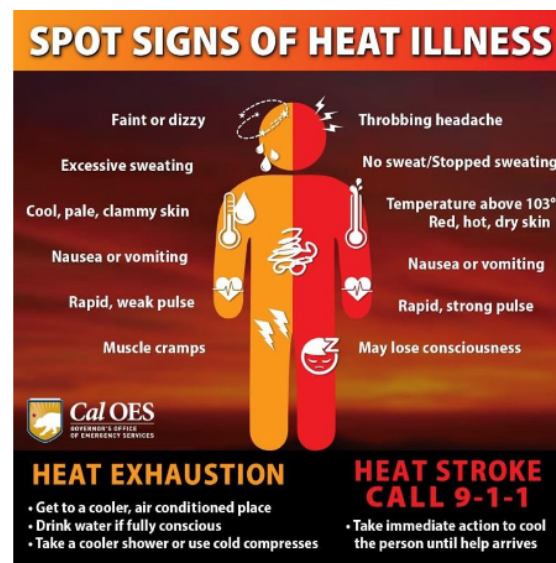


Mark your calendars for January 24th and 25th, 2025. We are happy to announce that tickets for the 64th Annual Geomatics Conference are now on sale! The Early Bird pricing will be available until October. To purchase tickets, follow this link to our Eventbrite page:

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If you purchase a booth ticket, two general admission tickets are included.

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- [2024 Subdivision Map Act & Index](#)

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